

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2009.

Claim 1-2, 4, 6-9, 16, and 19 are currently pending in this application, with claims 1 and 19 being independent.

No new matter has been added.

Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Specification objections

While not conceding the propriety of the objection and in order to advance the prosecution of the present application, the specification has been amended.

Withdrawal of this objection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Allowable subject matter

Appreciation is expressed for the indication in paragraph 10 that claims 11, 13, and 15 contain allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, to advance the prosecution of the present application:

- ◆ The features of claim 11 have been wholly incorporated into claim 1.
- ◆ Claim 13 has been rewritten as newly added claim 19.

- ◆ Claims 3, 5, 18-15, and 17-18 have been canceled.

Issuance of claims 1-2, 4, 6-9, 16, and 19 is respectfully requested.

Extensions of time

Please treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or all required extension of time fees.

Fees-general authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees filed, asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm).

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

Conclusion

This response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action.

Applicants reserve the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

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